



## **Public Utility Commission of Texas**

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### **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESIGNS**

*Commissioners thank Urban for his service to Texas*

**Austin, TX** – The Public Utility Commission of Texas today announced that executive director John Paul Urban, III has resigned.

“I am grateful to JP for his devoted service to this Commission, the great state of Texas and to me,” said Chairman DeAnn Walker. “He will be dearly missed. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.”

The process for selection of Urban’s replacement will be discussed at the Commission’s next open meeting on December 17.

“JP has had a remarkable impact on the agency, ranging from elevating employee culture to streamlining vital procedures,” said Commissioner Arthur D’Andrea. “He will be missed.”

After first serving on Commission staff as Legislative Director from 2011 to 2014, Urban returned to the agency as Executive Director in 2018.

“The PUC is a better agency as a result of his service. He led the commission through a very successful legislative session and at a particularly difficult period during the global pandemic,” said Commissioner Shelly Botkin. “His impact here will be felt for a long time. We wish him all the best.”

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### **About the Public Utility Commission**

Our mission is to serve Texans by regulating the state’s electric, telecommunication, and water and sewer utilities, implementing respective legislation, and offering customer assistance in resolving consumer complaints. Since its founding in 1975, the Commission has a long and proud history of service to Texas, protecting customers, fostering competition, and promoting high quality infrastructure. To learn more, please visit <http://www.puc.texas.gov>.